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EXTERNAL MEETING REPORT FORM

Date of Meeting	May 10, 2016
Type of Meeting	Community Meeting or Event
Topic	Hearst Park and Pool Project Team Introduction Community Meeting
Location	Hearst Elementary School
DGS & DPR Attendees	Jackie Stanley (Community Outreach Coordinator, DGS) Marshella Wallace (Community Planner, DGS) Tim Craft (Project Manager, DGS)
Notable Attendees	Tom Wheeler (Principal Project Manager, Cox Graae + Spack Architects) William (Bill) Spack (Principal, Cox Graae + Spack Architects) David Dickerson, Hearst Park Single Member ANC Dee Smith, Deputy Chief of Staff for Councilmember Cheh
Brief Summary	<p>This meeting was held as an introduction of the Hearst Park and Pool Project Team, to provide project overview and next steps and to hear community concerns.</p> <p><u>Introduction, History, and Project Information / Discussion</u></p> <p>Following agenda items were presented and discussed as part of the community presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ DGS and DPR Project Staff Introductions and overview of their areas of responsibility for the project.▪ Cox Graae + Spack's Project Team Introduction<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Introduction of consultants and engineers working on the project.✓ Cox Graae + Spack's past and current portfolio of projects presented▪ Hearst Park Information & Project Information<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Hearst Park amenities, size and boundaries✓ Project's Scope of Work✓ Project's Budget✓ Project's anticipated Design & Construction Schedule, Project's Next Steps✓ Work Shop # 1 (Listening & Visioning session) Anticipated date: end of May – beginning of June✓ Work Shop #2 (Design Team Response session) Date: TBD✓ Work Shop # 3 (Consensus) Date: TBD

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Community members raised the following questions and concerns and comments during the Q&A Session:

- ✓ How the Pool will be incorporated into the park?
- ✓ Who determined that Hearst Park would be the location for the Pool?
- ✓ Revisit question of whether a pool should be included in the design/
- ✓ How much space is required for a pool? What are standard dimensions for pools? Requested sample pool sizes for use in next meeting.
- ✓ Have designs been approved for the park and pool?
- ✓ Green areas in park should be maintained. Pool will consume green areas.
- ✓ Pools are not green.
- ✓ How will the traffic be dealt with in the redesign of Hearst Park?
- ✓ Will Sidwell Friends and Hearst's construction timeframe overlap?
- ✓ Bike parking should be included in design.
- ✓ Trees are over 100 years old and roots extend well into the park. History and significance of trees should be identified on a plaque.
- ✓ How may the new facilities be designed to accommodate year round usage? Constructing a pool for three months is not an effective use of those facilities.
- ✓ Park is in poor condition.
- ✓ Will the field include natural or artificial turf?
- ✓ How will the large older trees in the park be preserved or how the tree safety is address in the park's design.
- ✓ Will the design include anew recreation center? There is not enough space available for adequate programming.
- ✓ Is main door of cottage a fire code violation?

- ✓ How will public safety be addressed in the park?
- ✓ Concerns about number of people who will use the pool. How many people do we estimate will use the pool?
- ✓ Will there be bathrooms in the park or upgrade of the community center's bathrooms. How will safety be addressed in the new bathrooms?
- ✓ If pool and pool house are constructed, maintenance for those facilities must be superior.
- ✓ How will Park maintenance be improved? Fields are not maintained well.
- ✓ Pool is constructed over a spring – will the design consider this information?

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Where will tennis courts be located? Maintain at least the existing number of tennis courts. ✓ For each Park construction project, park space was lost. ✓ How will trees impact the pool? ✓ The pool will need lighting in the evening, throughout the night. ✓ The Wilson Aquatic Center serves Ward 3's aquatic needs, but maintenance for the facility should be improved. ✓ Will the existing playground be relocated? ✓ Will the Idaho Ave. right a way (Idaho Trail walk) be included in this project? ✓ Ensure coordination with DDOT, DPW and other sister agencies. ✓ Sidewell construction will have an impact on the neighborhood during the construction of the Park & Pool project ✓ What's the plan for the existing classroom trailers on the school property and is the area part of the park project? ✓ Include the recreation center and property adjacent to the center in the planning area for the Park. ✓ Its important to keep the DGS website for Hearst updated. Keeping the DGS and DPR websites updated will help keep everyone informed. ✓ ANC will post updates on its website. ✓ The group discussed the 2014 Friends of Hearst Survey ✓ Long term maintenance after the park renovation is important ✓ The existing playground needs shade, please ensure that the park design includes adequate shading. <p>Based on community comments the project team advised residents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ That there are no concept designs for the park and pool. ✓ The first vision meeting with the community will be held in late May 2016 or early June 2016 to begin dialogue with residents on their needs, wants and priorities for the park and pool. The project team will also attend ANC meetings to keep commissioners and residents updated on the project ✓ DPR's 2014 facility assessment concluded that Ward 3 was in need of an outdoor pool. DPR considered three ward 3 sites and Hearst was determined to be the best location for the outdoor pool. Funding was approved in Fiscal Years 2016 & 2017 for design of the park and pool and construction of the park. Funding for the pool construction is 2019. ✓ Coordination with sister agencies (DPW, DDOT, DCRA, etc.) is a
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	<p>standard on all DGS/DPR projects and will be on this project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ A new or modernized recreation center is not part of this project nor is the playground, however, the project team will advise DGS maintenance about concerns related to the restrooms. DPR agreed to meet with concerned resident on site.✓ Design of the area opened by the removal of the existing Hearst school trailers is not part of the park project. Also, The DGS/DPR Hearst park project team does not have information about when the existing Hearst school trailers will be removed. The Hearst park project team will coordinate with the Hearst School team to review previously developed plans for the location currently occupied by the trailers.✓ All community presentations will be posted on the DGS website.✓ The project team will either post the 2014 Friends of Hearst Park survey results on the DGS Hearst Project Page or provide a Friends of Hearst park link to the survey. DPR will investigate developing a community survey related to preferred park uses.

****The enclosed constitutes the writer's understanding of the meeting. Any corrections and/or clarifications should be directed to the writer's attention within three (3) calendar days upon receipt of the report.****

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